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ADAPTED FOR AUTOMATIC DRILL BIT SELECTION BASED ON EARTH  
PROPERTIES AND WELLBORE GEOMETRY

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**RCE SUBMISSION UNDER CFR 1.114**

Sir:

This paper is submitted under 37 CFR 1.114 as part of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE). This paper is submitted prior to payment of the issue fee. Thus, this paper is timely filed. Continued examination of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.